

I Spy Quilt Exchange

Fabrics:

Print fabric: 1 ½ yards <you may need more fabric if your images are large and/ or spaced further apart> (Hint: print needs to have an object that can be spied. For example: cars, trucks, bugs, fish, tools, monsters, balloons, etc. For this project, please choose a bright, bold and vibrant pattern.)

Coordinating fabric: 1 ½ yards (Hint: It is more fun to choose a small print that coordinates with your pattern fabric. Contrasting colors look good and set off the print.)

Sashing and 1st border print: 1 7/8 yards* (can be purchased after you receive your blocks)

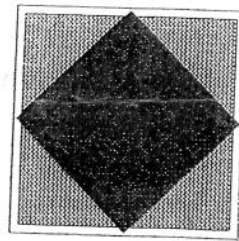
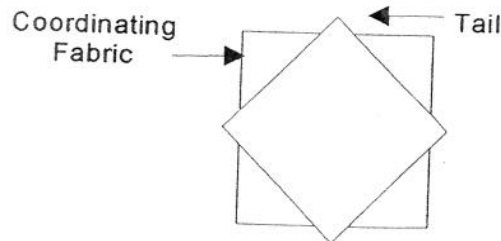
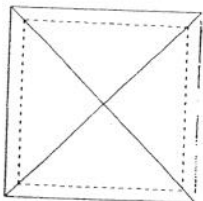
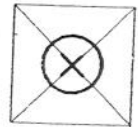
Second border and binding: 1 7/8 yards* (can be purchased after you receive your blocks)

Outer border: 2 yards* (can be purchased after you receive your blocks)

* The estimates for fabric assumes that long strips are NOT pieced (single strips of fabric).

Piecing Instructions:

1. Cut each of your print and coordinating fabrics into 35 squares 6 ½" X 6 ½". A rotary cutter and mat work best for this.
2. Draw diagonal lines on the wrong side of the coordination fabric making an X. Snip the fabric approximately ¼" along each line at the center of the X as shown in the circle, to allow for easy cutting later.
3. Sew a print square and a coordinating square with right sides together. Use a ¼" seam allowance. Stitch around the entire block.



4. Beginning at the "X" on the coordinating fabric, carefully cut along the "X" all the way to the stitching line.
5. Press each triangle open. Each of your finished squares will measure 8 ¼". Make 35 blocks. Place completed blocks in a zippered plastic bag, with your name on the front and turn them into the Sandy Cotton Shop.

You can finish your quilt anyway you would like. Here are instructions to finish the example below. Approx. finished size: 58" X 77"

Sashing and 1st Border fabrics:

Cut 4 border strips 2" X length of fabric. Cut 28 sashing strips 2" X 8 1/4" and cut 6 sashing strips 2" X width row shown below.

2nd Border fabric:

Cut 4 border strips 2" X length of fabric

Outer Border fabric:

Cut 4 border strips 4" X length of fabric

Arrange your blocks in the order you like best. Add a 2" X 8 1/4" rectangle sashing strip to the sides of your blocks each row. Do not add sashing to the outside edges.



Stitch all rows together as shown on the left.

Stitch the rows together with a sashing strip as shown on the right. Add the borders the sides and then the top and bottom. Add the second border sides first and then the top and bottom. Add the third border the same way.

Now you are ready to machine quilt, hand quilt or tie the quilt.

